(d) the measures proposed to encourage cotton growers to get remunerative prices for their crops?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) There has been no change in the cotton export policy and as such, no new policy has been announed. Government have released, early in the current (1996-97) cotton season, a quota of 5. IS lakh bales for export.

(c) During the current cotton season prices of cotton have marginally fallen, with increased arrivals.

Lower crop estimates for China, Turkey etc. during the 1996-97 season as compared to the previous year, may have an impact on the international prices only later during the season.

(d) Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for cotton have been announced by Government. In the event that cotton on prices fall to MSP levels, the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) would procure cotton at the MSP, thus protecting the growers' interest. An export quota of 5.15 lakh bales of cotton has been released by Government in the beginning of the season. At present the prices of staple cotton are reported to be 40% to 60% above the support price.

Recruttment of Personnel in Defence Services

533. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines laid down for recruiting personnel for the defence forces;

(b) the state-wise break-up of personnel recruited for these forces during each of the last five years, year-wise; and

(c) whether Government intend to ensure that recruitment to the forces from die different States is made as far as possible, proportionate to the population of the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) to (c) Recruitment in die Army is open to all sections of the society irrespective of caste, creed, language, region etc. of the candidates. The Recruitable Male Population (RMP) of various States/Union Terrritories is the basis for determining / allotting number of vacancies to differnt Zonal Recruiting Offices and Centres of the Army. The RMP comprises of those eligible males who meet the laid down qualitative requirement *i.e.* educational qualification, physical and medical standards and is reckoned as 10% of the male population of each StateUnion Territdry. The details of recruitment made State-wise during the last five years (year-wise) in the Army are attached as statement-I. *(See* below)

Recruitment in the Navy is made on All India basis and no RMP is fixed for any State-Union Territory. Ah eligible male who meets the laid down educational physical and medical standards can join the Navy as Sailor irrespective of TOS caste, creed, language, region etc. The details of recruitment made State-wise during the last five years' (year-wise) in die Navy are attached as statement-n. (See below)

Recruitment in the Air Force is made on All India basis and no RMP is fixed for any StateUnion Territory. Any eligible male who meets the laid down educational, physical and medical standards can join the Air Force as airman irrespective of his caste, creed, language, region etc. The details of recruitment made State-wise during the last five years (year-wise) in the Air Force are attached as Statement-Ill.

Statement—I

State-wise Recruitment Carried out in Army

SI. No.	Name of State/ Union Territory	Recuriting Year				
		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1662	1437	2347	3094	3276
2.	Assam	652	S28	771	1135	2157
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	27	32	52	49	42
4.	Bihar	1969	1608	3396	4826	5807
5.	Goa, Daman & Diu	32	13	28	34	12
6.	Gujrat	751	673	533	1458	1841
7.	Haryana	2287	1798	3246	4206	5381
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1033	789	2145	2947	3356
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	905	980	1737	3540	6097
10.	Karnataka	1091	922	1517	2259	2712
11.	Kerala	937	1003	1737	2394	2322
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1325	1100	1800	2486	2137
13.	Maharashtra	2851	2355	1949	5532	8198
14.	Manipur	118	108	156	397	578
15.	Meghalaya	43	62	88	84	215
16.	Mizoram	69	55	144	161	131
17.	Nagaland	95	26	56	103	129
18.	Orissa	586	480	1185	1411	2110
19.	Punjab	1876	1962	4120	5677	6456
20.	Rajasthan	1900	1716	3233	4742	6052
21.	Siklrim	07	06	01	25	13
22.	Tripura	15	10	30	23	129
23.	Uttar Pradesh	6417	2457	10927	12972	15402
24.	West Bengal	1200	1021	2603	2518	5838
25.	Andaman & Nicobar	13	—	—	19	81
26.	Delhi	121	124	281	386	327
27.	Pondkhery	15	02	08	08	11
28.	Chandigarh	04	03	09	16	07
29.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	—	—	—	30	—
30.	Lakthadweep	—	07	—	07	—
31.	Nepal	633	1702	1563	3026	2126
32.	Tamil Nadu	1893	1671	2676	4116	4315
	TOTAL	30527	24650	43338	70681	87258

Statement—II

State-wise Recruitment Carried out in Navy

SI. No.	Name of State' Union Territory	Recruiting Year				
		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	199S-96
1.	Andhra Pradesh	126	186	135	97	135
2.	Assam	06	09	06	05	10
3.	A & N	05	05	09	09	07
4.	Bihar	215	176	206	283	402

5.	Chandigarh		Nil	01	01	
6.	Delhi	19	15	14	21	20
7.	Gujrat	15	29	12	10	03
8.	Goa	03	13	03	03	05
9.	Haryana	210	233	269	303	244
10.	Himachal Pradesh	50	50	78	106	117
11.	J & K	05	19	12	18	09
12.	Kerala	227	292	205	155	282
13.	Karnataka	29	55	71	23	30
14.	Lakshadweep	03	03	Nil	03	—
15.	Madhya Pradesh	33	51	24	19	19
16.	Maharashtra	159	227	138	152	86
17.	Meghalaya	02	Nil	01	03	02
18.	Manipur	01	Nil	01	02	04
19.	Nepal	0	Nil	Nil	01	01
20.	Nagaland	01	01	Nil	Nil	—
21.	Orissa	108	77	103	127	205
22.	Punjab	92	71	59	59	64
23.	Pondicherry	05	01	01	Nil	—
24.	Rajasthan	89	104	125	136	214
25.	Tamil Nadu	148	128	144	108	114
26.	Tripura	—	Nil	01	Nil	03
27.	Uttar Pradesh	377	525	549	535	441
28.	West Bengal	115	201	120	114	206
	TOTAL	2043	2471	2287	2293	2623

Statement—III

State-wise Recruitment carried out in Air Force

SI. No.	Name .of State/ Union Territory	Recuriting Year				
		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	—	—	_	07	06
2.	Andhra Pradesh	345	335	250	399	515
3.	Assam	36	11	12	05	10
4.	Arunachal Pradesh	01	—	—	—	—
5.	Bihar	850	1040	957	1418	775
6.	Chandigarh	03	04	05	07	01
7.	Delhi	82	57	42	27	61
8.	Goa	—	02	—	—	—
9.	Gujarat	07	05	10	12	04
10.	Haryana	353	347	242	327	128
11.	Himachal Pradesh	11	18	12	34	19
12.	Jammu &. Kashmir	02	04	02	06	09
13.	Karnataka	82	117	63	63	76
14.	Kerala	487	292	289	212	487
15.	Madhya Pradesh	27	59	33	03	42
16.	Maharashtra	«.	107	61	31	39
17.	Manipur	—	01	—	03	*06*

18.	Meghalaya	02				01
19.	Nagaland	—	—	—	—	—
20.	Nepal	—	—	—	—	—
21.	Orissa	453	324	392	391	217
22.	Pondicherry	03	09	04	03	05
23.	Punjab	32	46	33	29	25
24.	Rajasthan	264	162	178	142	147
25.	Tamil Nadu	195	200	209	205	251
26.	Tripura	—	01	—	—	—
27.	Uttar Pradesh	1357	1250	1121	1043	851
28.	West Bengal	497	341	358	207	241
	TOTAL	5176	4732	4273	4574	3915

Discussion on Article 356 in recent Inter-State Council Meeting

534. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI O.P. KOHLI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the broad details of the views expressed by the Inter-State Council members in their recent meeting regarding Article 356 of the Constitution;

(b) whether Government propose to amend this Article to prevent its misuse; and

(c) if so, by when; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF H0ME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The issue of Emergency Provisions and Article 356 was discussed in the second meeting of the Inter-State Council held on 15.10.96. Divergent views ranging from abolition to amendment of Article 356 were expressed by the Members of the Council. Most Members expressed concern at the manner in which the provision had been used in the past. It was decided that a Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council would examine, among others, the issue of Emergency Provisions including Article 356 in detail and submit its report within three months of its constitution. This report of the Standing Committee shall be discussed in the next meeting of the Inter-State Council after which the views of the Council shall be forwarded to the Government for consideration and further necessary action.

False cases lodged by Delhi Police

535. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police has been lodging false cases as a result of which a large number of cases are dismissed by the courts and strictures are passed against the Policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the errant Police officers/personnel during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) There has been one case during the current year in which the trial Court had held that the accused persons had been falsely implicated by the Investigating Officer. However, an appeal

3ias been filed against the said judgement in the High Court of Delhi.